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SUBJ: REORGANIZATION OF ALLIED AIR FORCES IN THE CENTRAL REGION

BY PO/75/152 DATED DECEMBER 30, 1975 SYG LUNS PROPOSES THAT THE DPC PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE APPROVE IN PRINCIPLE THE COLLOCATION OF THE PEACETIME HEADQUARTERS FOR RATAFMSZSA K HEIDELBERG UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF PLAN CHARLIE (ALTERNATE) REVISED. APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE WOULD BE ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS OF AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING WILL BE FURTHER EXAMINED BY RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEES AND THAT THE COLLOCATION OF THE WARTIME HEADQUARTERS WOULD BE STUDIED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF SACEUR. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON APPROVAL OF THE PO USING THE SILENCE PROCEDURE BY OOB JANUARY 31, 1976. FOR YOUR INFORMATION THE TEXT F PO/75/152 IS QUOTED BELOW.

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL RECALL THAT AT THE MINISTERIAL SESSION OF 14TH JUNE, 1974(1), MINISTERS APPROVED THE OUTLINE PLAN FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE ALLIED AIR FORCES IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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CENTRAL REGION SET OUT IN DETAIL BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE (MCM-32-74); ACCORDINGLY, ALLIED AIR FORCES CENTRAL EUROPE (AAFCE) FORCES HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AS A PRINCIPLE SUBORDINATE COMMAND OF ALLIED FORCES CENTRAL EUROPE ON 28TH JUNE 1974.

2. DETAILED PLANNING INCLUDED SEVERAL PHASES AS UNDER:

PLAN ALPHA - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INITIAL PEACETIME

HEADQUARTERS AT RAMSTEIN

PLAN BRAVO - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOINT STATIC WAR

HEADQUARTERS AT BOERFINK

PLAN CHARLIE - COLLOCATION OF 4ATAF AND CENTAG AT SECKENHEIM

PLAN DELTA - ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMANENT COLLOCATED

PEACETIME HEADQUARTERS FOR AAFCE AT BRUNSSUM.

3. APPROVAL OF THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE WAS GIVEN IN FEBRUARY 1975(2) TO PLAN ALPHA; PLAN BRAVO WAS LATER APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE, SUBJECT TO DETAILED SCRUTINY, LAST JULY (3), AND IN OCTOBER PLAN DELTA WAS ALSO AGREED IN PRINCIPLE SUBJECT TO

SIMILAR EXAMINATION IN DETAIL.

4. THE MILITARY COMMITTEE, FOLLOWING THE RECOMMENDATION OF SACEUR, HAS NOW RECOMMENDED(1) THAT THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE SHOULD APPROVE IN PRINCIPLE THE COLLOCATION OF THE PEACETIME HEADQUARTERS OF 4ATAF AND CENTAG AT HEIDELBERG (UNDER

PLAN CHARLIE (ALTERNATE) REVISED) RATHER THAN AT SECKENHEIM AS INITIALLY ENVISAGED.

5. PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES MAY NOW WISH TO APPROVE THIS PLAN IN PRINCIPLE, TAKING NOTE OF THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND POSSIBLE SAVINGS IN MANPOWER; THIS WOULD BE ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING WILL BE FURTHER EXAMINED BY THE RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEES AND THAT THE WARTIME COLLOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS CENTAG/4ATAF WILL BE STUDIED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF SACEUR. UNLESS I HEAR TO THE CONTRARY BY 31ST JANUARY, 1976 IT WILL BE RECORDED THAT THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE HAS SO DECIDED. END TEXT.BRUCE

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